GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:328
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SETTING UP OF WAREHOUSING FACILITIES BY ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Warehousing is contemplating to move into the port areas of Vizag and Kakinada to start warehousing activities both for import and export;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have requested the Union Government for allotment of10 acres of land in these ports for warehousing activities;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to nominate Andhra Pradesh Warehousing Corporationas nodal agency for bulk handling of foodgrains in these ports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): A proposal has been received by the Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) from the Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation (APSWC) for allotment of 10 acres of land for creating warehousing facilities.The proposal is being processed for the VPT Board`s consideration.

(d): As per the National Policy on Handling, Storage & Transportation of Foodgrains, thereis no provision for nominating any agency as a nodal agency for creation of bulk grain handling facility. Furthermore, Vizag and Kakinada Ports have not been identified for creation of bulk grain handling of wheat under the aforesaid policy.